

To: Superintendents and Principals

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Subject: Update on Changes Ahead for Accessing all IDOE Systems

In the near future, Indiana educators will be able to use their school-provided email credentials to login to IDOE systems. What this means for schools using Google's G-Suite for Education or Microsoft's Office 365, is that the login and password used to access these platforms will serve as the login for IDOE platforms and applications. Schools that do not have one of these products should consider using one or the other to streamline access to IDOE systems.

Please note that this new way of accessing IDOE systems will involve a time of transition during which time school personnel will use their locally provided cloud identities (G-Suite or Office 365) to access new and updated services while still using IDOE provided credentials (usernames and passwords) to access legacy services. Please know the goal is to provide uninterrupted service to all IDOE systems throughout the period of transition while ultimately arriving at a point when IDOE provided credentials are fully replaced with cloud identities managed at the local level.

We refer to this shift as Unified Access — one part of the retooling of IDOE's Information Technology systems now underway through the LINK Initiative. IDOE will be implementing the rollout of Unified Access in phases beginning with public schools. A second phase will include accredited, non-public schools followed by a third wave involving education networks and educational organizations such as charter authorizers, special education cooperatives, service centers, etc.

What to expect:

- In the coming weeks, IDOE will be sending an email directly to corporation technology directors (organizational technology leads) to gather information necessary to allow local users to connect to IDOE systems.
- IDOE will create access for each school based on the information gathered.
- Superintendents will be notified that the Unified Access connection has been established and will be asked to login and identify an Education Organization Security Coordinator (EOSC).
- The IDOE team will work with individuals in each school chosen as the EOSC to establish appropriate access for all school personnel.

Who should serve as the EOSC?

- The EOSC should be an employee of the organization, have a local domain account, and should be in charge of managing the accounts on the domain.
- The EOSC will have the responsibility for managing account access, roles, and for the decommissioning of access to IDOE systems when school employees leave employment.
- They will ensure that security policies are in place and that best practices for security are followed.

Additional information will be posted on the [Unified Access webpage](#). If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact [James Rodman](#) or [Debbie Dailey](#).